

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 2, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we take a moment for personal prayer and reflection as we begin the tasks of this day. We believe that Your guidance and direction enable us to evaluate correctly pending legislative and administrative proposals. We pray for the wisdom and openness of intellect to listen carefully but critically to the many suggestions which come before us. Help us to select the right, fair and ethical often difficult legislative options. In these rather stressful and uneasy times, inspire us to work together as citizens of this nation and Commonwealth to improve the quality of life, to the best of our ability, for all. May we be aware of the needs of people in our communities, but especially the needs of our children and families.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Anita  
Dranetz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating Anita Dranetz on the occasion of her retirement;

Meghan-  
Elizabeth Foster.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Meghan-Elizabeth Foster on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of the United States;

Alexander Morte.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Alexander Morte on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Berkshire  
Theatre  
Festival.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Brian Zanella on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Thomas P.  
Jaworski.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Pignatelli of Lenox, Bosley of North Adams, Speranzo of Pittsfield and Guyer of Dalton) congratulating the Berkshire Theatre Festival on its eightieth season;

Saint  
Spyridon  
Grecian  
Festival.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) congratulating Thomas P. Jaworski on the occasion of his retirement; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Spellane of Worcester, Binienda of Worcester, Fresolo of Worcester, O'Day of West Boylston and Pedone of Worcester) commending the Saint Spyridon Grecian Festival for its long legacy and contributions to the community;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Charlestown,  
port area.

Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to the designated port areas of certain parcels of land located in the Charlestown district of the city of Boston; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Environmental  
Justice.

Of the Senate Bill To create environmental justice (Senate, No. 2572);

Employer  
sanctions,  
wage  
withholding.

Of the Senate Bill Clarifying employer sanctions for improper expenditure of withholdings or deductions from wages (Senate, No. 2579);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Fall River,  
Board of Fire  
Commissioners.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2722) of Joan M. Menard, Michael J. Rodrigues and Kevin Aguiar (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appointment and status of the Fire Chief and the Board of Fire Commissioners in the city of Fall River, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

Rolling Rock,  
glacial rock.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of David B. Sullivan for legislation to designate the glacial rock located in the city of Fall River as the glacial rock of the Commonwealth. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

School  
district

budgets.

Military,  
education  
budgets.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Bill relative to studying the impact of transitory and mobile student enrollments on school district foundation budgets (House, No. 4712); and

Of the Bill relative to studying the impact of military reservation students in the calculation of foundation budgets and state aid (House, No. 4713);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Cooperative  
purchasing,  
agreements.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, that the recommitted Bill relative to cooperative purchasing agreements (House, No. 3198) ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefore the accompanying bill relative to out-of-state collective purchasing by Massachusetts education collaboratives formed pursuant to M.G.L.C. 40, Section 4E (House, No. 4810). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendment pending.

Children,  
protection.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1751, a Bill to further protect children. (House, No. 4811) [Representative Evangelidis of Holden dissenting].

Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bill  
enacted.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Watertown to fill by appointment a vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the public library (see House, No. 4584) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Next  
sitting.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.

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At a quarter after eleven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.